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Here is the latest as of 2000hrs pacific. I will send you any more that come in.

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ISSUE:

On Saturday, February 12th, 2022, the “Freedom Convoy Protests” occurred in multiple areas of British Columbia.

BACKGROUND:

The Government of Canada announced a federal mandate for truckers crossing the border to be vaccinated by 15 January 2022. This led to the so-called Freedom Convoy 2022 protest being organised largely through social media. Various convoys started

across Canada on 22 January with the goal of arriving in Ottawa over the weekend of 28 and 29 January.

A convoy of Canadian truck drivers and their supporters traveled from various cities to Ottawa to protest the federal vaccine mandates for truck drivers, as well as Covid 19 mandated restrictions in general, starting on January 28/29 and continued uninterrupted to present.

While the organisers have declared that this is an act of peaceful protest, some ideologically motivated fringe elements have seized upon these rallies to advocate for their own ideological objectives. Extremists and other individuals supporting COVID-19 conspiracy theories and violent anti-authority/anti-government views have expressed intent to participate in these convoy protests.

Here have been a number of Anti-Mandate Protests in British Columbia in support of the Ottawa protesters. These have expanded to BC centric Anti-Mandate Protests throughout the province but focused on Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna, Osoyoos and Surrey border crossings and Ft. St. John. It is expected that these protests will continue. into the near future, based on messaging from organisers and participants online.

CURRENT STATUS As of 2000 hours:

Lower Mainland

Several convoys from areas around the Lower Mainland (Surrey, Langley, Chilliwack, etc) had intended to converge moving westbound along the #1 Hwy, with the intent of moving towards the 176th Street US/Canada Border Crossing. The organizers were very cooperative with police (DLT), and expressly intended to maintain and peace/lawful event.

The convoys departed, and converged at approximately 1200hrs. The convoys were extremely long, with estimates at roughly 3000-5000 vehicle, stretching from Langley to Chilliwack. The convoy reached a traffic control point at 176th Street and 8th Avenue, where protestors either drove past or continued on foot. The foot traffic at 176th Street was also estimated in the thousands. Largely the crowd is peaceful, with some individuals attempting to spur conflict. Police maintained a minimal presence, only operating a control point at 176th Street and 8th Avenue.

The police traffic control point is intended to allow vehicle traffic to flow past the border turnoff, as once a convoy moves southbound on 176th Street from 8th Avenue, they are essentially stuck at the border.

Operations overnight will be focused on preventing any vehicle traffic from congesting the area southbound.

As of 2000hrs, 500-600+ people inclusive of vehicles along 8th Avenue have departed.

0 Avenue and 176th Street has a bus and 5th-wheel parked. The bus has sleeping and cooking apparatus and appears to be command vehicle.

The mood appears festive closer to border. Elements at 176th Street and 8th Avenue are more obstructive and have gone from encirclement of PC', and laying in front of police vehicles as they try to move.

For the remainder of February 12, PoJ will continue to hold and isolate the area from further incursions by vehicles. Assessments will be made on February 13th(Sunday) by DLT, as to whether or not the crowd intends on staying or dispersing. Resourcing for enforcement, if necessary, being assembled with contingencies in place for a response using the measured approach.

The Measured Approach is the deliberate employment of proactive engagement, communication, mitigation and facilitation measures by police to maintain the peace, or to facilitate resolution of public disorder and restoration of the peace while preserving all options and employing those tactical responses deemed necessary to meet the situation while seeking to respect the lawful exercise of personal rights and freedoms.

South East District

Protests in Kelowna and Osoyoos occurred which were largely peaceful. Osoyoos had approximately 900 vehicles attend the border area. Most have fully departed the area. A convoy bound for Alberta has not left Revelstoke yet. Local PoJ is monitoring and will update once numbers are known.

Island District

Protests were largely centered at the BC Legislature, with the police of jurisdiction being Victoria PD. There were no major issues, with many people wondering in the area and honking horns.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- The 176th border crossing is the primary truck port for the area. This is an important economic crossing.
- It is unknown what plans the crowd has made for Sunday, February 13th, as many communications have moved off of public channels.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Communications lines being developed by Divisional Strategic Communications in conjunction with Surrey Detachment and Lower Mainland District for tomorrow.

MEMBER WELLNESS:

- Staffing this event has been difficult as the POJ (Surrey RCMP) is very busy and has limited internal surge capacity. TSG and other detachments are supplying personnel.

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